



Region 2 Works Council

MEETING AGENDA

July 9, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ivy Tech, South Bend

220 Dean Johnson Blvd, Rm 1122

South Bend, IN 46601

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
Call to order at 10:36 a.m.
- II. Roll Call
Members: Brad Bishop, Brian Wiebe, Larry Garatoni, Lisa Dercach, Suzanne Wheeler
Guests: Laura Marzotto, Kate Lee, Sarah Nespoduany, Ket A Jaworski, Greg Vollmer, David Millar, Leslie Lestinsky, Lisa Courtney, Amy Marsh, Jennifer O'Shea
- III. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from May 14th
Approved.
- IV. Regional Cities Initiative – Larry Garatoni and Regina Emberton
Regina Emberton, Michiana Partnership, shared with the group the Regional Cities Initiative in Region 2. This initiative focusses on talent attraction and economic development. It requires regional partnerships amongst all stakeholders. The funding would support a number of regional initiatives that would create “quality of place”.
- V. Region 2 Postsecondary Pathways Event – Brian Wiebe and Jennifer O'Shea
Brian Wiebe gave the group an overview of the Region 2 Postsecondary Pathways event and the agenda. There was much discussion about the sectors of focus. The group agreed that entrepreneurship is an important piece of the conversation and should be somehow worked into the event. There was agreement that there should be an agenda item that highlights entrepreneurship.
It was also agree that the sector “commerce” should be changed to business and finance.

- VI. Indiana Employability Skills Framework – Amy Marsh
Amy Marsh shared with the group that DWD is working to gather employability skills (through a number of current initiatives) and is vetting them with employer in order to create common definitions and language, as well as measurable outcomes.
Amy asked the group to provide feedback on what's missing, what should be added and how could we measure these.
The group was interested in what has been put together and would like more guidance on metrics and how these could be measured.
There was a lot of discussion about this topic and what employers value.
- VII. Region 2 Works Council Action Plan Update and Next Steps – Brian Wiebe and Kate Lee
Brian Wiebe and Kate Lee gave an overview of some of the activities happening around the action plan, specifically the work Kate and team are doing to capture employer work-and-learn offerings throughout the region.
She also mentioned that they are working with the State Chamber to create an online library of employer videos that highlight occupations and industries.
The group discussed the good work that is being done via the plan.
Brad mentioned that the group should vote to approve the action plan at the next meeting.
- VIII. Pathways Taskforce and Indiana Career Council Updates – Jennifer O'Shea
Jennifer O'Shea gave an update on the June 15th Indiana Career Council meeting.
- IX. Adjournment
The group adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: September 10th and November 12th